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Prior Application:

Examiner: T. Le

Art Unit: 2818

I hereby certify that this 37 CFR 1.53 request and the documents referred to as attached therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on April 12, 2004 in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10, Mailing Label Number EV 322849287 addressed to the: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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**TRANSMITTAL OF FILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.53**

1. This is a request for filing a

Divisional

Continuation

application under 37 CFR 1.53 of pending prior application Serial No. 10/131,840 filed on April 25, 2002 of Kiyoshi Kato for Nonvolatile Memory, Verify Method Therefor, And Semiconductor Device Using The Nonvolatile Memory

2. True Copy of Original Prior Application Papers Attached.

I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of the above-identified prior application, including the oath or declaration originally filed.

3. Amendments

Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

Please enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment (prior to calculating the filing fee)

4. Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed herewith.

5. Fee Calculation (claims pending after entry of any amendments above)

A verified statement of small entity status:

has been filed in the parent application and such status is still proper and desired

is attached

Other than small entity

For	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate sm/lg ent.	Fee
Total Claims	60	-20 = 40	x \$9/18	\$720.00
Independent Claims	7	- 3 = 4	x \$43/86	\$344.00
Multiple Dependent Claims	No		\$145/290	\$0.00
Basic Fee (minimum amount required)			\$385/770	\$770
Assignment			\$40	\$0
<b>Total Filing Fee</b>				<b>\$1834.00</b>

6. Fee Payment

A check in the amount of \$1834.00 is enclosed

Please charge deposit account 50/1039 in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50/1039. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

7. Drawings

New formal drawings are enclosed.

Informal drawings are enclosed.

8. Foreign Priority

Priority of foreign application serial no. 2001-133689 filed on April 27, 2001 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

The certified copy of this application has been filed in prior U.S. application Serial No. 10/131,840.

The certified copy will follow.

9. Relate Back -- 35 U.S.C. 120

[X] Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This application is a continuation of copending U.S. application Serial No.  
10/131,840, filed on April 25, 2002--

10. Inventorship

With respect to the prior copending U.S. application from which this application claims benefit under 35 USC 120 the inventor(s) in this application is (are):

[X] the same  
[ ] less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventor(s) identified above for the prior application be deleted:

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11. Assignment

[X] The prior application is assigned of record to Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co., Ltd.  
[ ] An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_ is attached (with cover sheet) for recording..

12. Maintenance of Copendency of Prior Application

[ ] A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application until \_\_\_\_\_ or  
[ ] A conditional petition for extension of time is being filed in the pending parent application (copy enclosed).

13. Power of Attorney

The power of attorney in the prior application is to: Edward D. Manzo, registration no. 28,139

The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

Address all future communications to:

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Respectfully submitted,

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